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Previous References 1944-S (Mk)

File No 187-44
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Later References

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Serial Nos 3

Part B for January 46

SUBJECT

Grant of permission to Construct a Cinema House on the Site 'Kala Lodge' Jamnagar Road, Bills by A M Patel

L 6298 Mk 187-44-11 dt 7-1-46

To A-M Patel B-Cls
Copy to D C. Bombay
Regrets to Applicant

It has been brought to the notice of the Dewan that the Municipal Council has issued a licence for the construction of a Cinema building in the compound of Mr Swamy Naidu's bungalow on Kempe Gowda's road.

As stated to the Municipal Council no permission should be granted without consulting the Dt Magistrate. As there are already too many Cinemas in that place the Dewan directed issue of instructions to the Dt Magistrate to inspect the place & warn the licensee that a licence for a cinema may not be issued.

Cus
17-8-44

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR L S G & P H
Date 17.8.1944
No 1384

Minister L S G & P H 3 Jul 44
By/Cl 17.8.44
19.8

Minister Law
Build with draft D.O. letter for approval
Cl
23/8

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER
18 AUG 1944
No 1179

To The Dt Magistrate, Bellary
No L 1811 Dt 23-8-44
Issues instructions in the matter

Letter No 7 C 197/44-45 & 26-8-44 from the Dt magistrate, Bangalore Dt stating that he has warned the parties that no license will not be granted for running a cinema etc, issued for perusal. An endt issued by the Dt magistrate to the parties is also enclosed

& for perusal - refer to Law dept

Law dept 7/9/44

7 OCT 1944 2317

SECY LAW DEPT 3265 27 SEP 1944 GOVT OF MYSORE

I may invite confidential Dr's & the Municipal Comr, Bangalore city & the President, Mysore Municipal Council & consider the concerned Dr's Local Magistrates to grant such Licenses

Under L.S.G

28/9/44

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR L S G & P H Date 29 9 1944 No. 2557

10) 6 10 44

11) 7/10/44

9-10-44

Draft letter to the Dr please

9 10

12) Submitted with a draft letter

13) Issue with the Secy's signature

19 10

13/10

2689/L

To The president, Mysore city Municipality Council
Municipal Commissioner
L 3929-3930 dt 25-10-44

3165 States that the concerned District Magistrates
should be consulted before issuing licenses on behalf
of the Municipal Council for construction of
Cinema theatres

*Petition dated 20 x rec from Dr A M Patel, Proprietor Select Pictures Cinema, Jambusavari praying for a revision of the orders passed in the matter

14) Re-submitted Dewan's orders thereon
Lawley (Refer) 20/X/44

15) The petition dated 20-10-44, received from Dr A M Patel, addressed to the Dewan, requesting for permission to construct a Cinema theatre in the Kempe Gowda Road, Bangalore, is submitted

The 4/11 16) The premises refer are put up as per orders at page 1/ante

Randle 16 11 44 183 17) Kind reference is invited to Hy. M. which contains the reports of the District Magistrate Bgre North in the matter

Lawley 6/11/44

18 Submitted

6 11 44

19 For favour of disposal

27/11/44 Remarks for Rev & Law Compartments 27-11-44

11-11-44

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Petn dy 16-3-45 from
Dr A M Patel, Proprietor
Select Picture circuit
Gandhinagar, Bngf;
requesting that he may be
permitted to construct the
cinema House on the Site
adj "Kola Lodge", Kempe
Gowda, Bngf etc.,
Minutes of the Dewan
on the Petition
"References"

(Sd) N M
17-3-45

a/s) The file on the subject
has been sent to the
Asstt Secy; Legislation
in connection with the
amendment of sections
in the City, Town & Minor
Mities Act in regard
to the grant of licenses
for the construction of
24) cinema Houses
R/ If approd. the file be
obtained & put up
submr for orders

NMB
29/3 — yes
af 3 up

6) Dr A M Patel, Proprietor, Select Pictures Cinema, Bangalore has requested permission to carry on the construction of a cinema theatre in Kempegowda Road

7) The cinema house is proposed to be constructed on the site of "Kala Lodge" Kempegowda road, Bangalore the city Municipal have granted the license for construction in 1943 & 1944

8) When the matter came to the notice of both the District Magistrate, Bangalore was directed to inspect the spot and to warn Dr Patel that, as there are already too many cinemas on the road, no license for a cinema will be issued the District Magistrate, Bangalore has accordingly issued the necessary instructions in the matter to Dr Patel

9) Dr Patel now requests that he may be given permission to proceed with the Construction, as he has collected materials worth Rs 20,000/- and he would be put to great loss if the work is stopped further, the site is stated to be in a business locality among hotels, insurance offices & theatres but in residential quarters.

It was proposed to amend the
several Municipal Acts so as to provide
the procedure for the grant of licences
for the construction of cinema houses but
as there was opposition in the R. A
it is not proposed to proceed with
the measure

37) Instructions have however been issued to
the Ml Govt. by Mr. Secretary of State
Empire of Ml Col to the effect that
the Dist Magistrate should be consulted
before issuing licences for the construction
of Cinema theatres within the limits of
the act of 1918

38) The Police of Ml Col is no doubt
within its rights in having issued the
license in question but this also happened before
the authorities agreed to above when
consulted by the authorities concerned
the point for consideration is whether
the refusal of the Govt that he may be
permitted to proceed with the construction
of the building may be complied with
there are already a number of cinemas

-on Kempegowda Road they are the (8)
Nilgiri, the Sagar, the Himalayas, the
Select and the Majestic. The Metro
is under construction & will be completed
shortly. The traffic is already congested
on this road and the addition of
another cinema house - whatever modern
conveniences it might command - would not
perhaps be advisable in this area
33 for orders with respect to para 22 supra

Sd/-
18/5/64

34) The Municipal Council can grant
a licence for the construction of the
building and it granted the licence
for the present
then some residents of the locality
walked on the Dharna & brought it
to notice that as there were already
several cinemas in the street
causing disturbance to the residents
of the neighbourhood one more
additional theatre will cause

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would increase the nuisance
as this was considered the
a real grievance in Dundum
where razed & the D M who
is the authority for granting
licenses & functions &
warn the owner that no
licence under the C-M Act
would be granted for that
the Party may not be
disappointed after making
up a costly building hence
his request refused

35 As there are numbers of
persons in that road
it may not be advisable

[illegible]

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER
FOR L.S.G. & P.H.
Date 27 JUL 45
No 2814

37) May be submitted to the Dewan with reference to the orders in Flag

37) Dewan) For perusal before issue of orders Ref: Flag I

DOR seq) for 7/8/45

DEWAN'S OFFICE
3 AUG. 1945
NO 671

6/8

39) Nil
6/8/45

40) Dft endorsement

41) Submitted with an endt for approval

7/8

ADDITIONAL SECRETARY
No 792
Date 7/8
GOVERNMENT OF HYDERABAD

DOR seq) for 7/8/45

42) Issue

7/8

To

G SECTION
8 AUG 1945
GEN & REV SECTY

Sri A M Patel
Proprietor, Select Picture Circuit
Gandhinagar. Bolt

No L1287 Dt 28-8-45
Informs that his request cannot be complied with etc
To The DA Magistrate, Bhongir Dt
The MC Comm. Bolt.
No L1288-9 Dt 25-8-45
-forwards a copy of the above

Dft
B 27/8

3577/C

Letter dated 19-11-45 from Mr A M patel

Select pictures Ltd. stating that more cinemas are found essential to satisfy the growing needs of the cinema-going public and requesting reconsideration of orders passed on file no C 1287 dated 25-8-45 as he has incurred an expense of over Rs 20,000 for the collection of materials etc. able to obtain the license from the Municipality

(2) On this office endorsement no C 1287 dated 25-8-45, Mr A M patel was informed that the permission to construct a cinema-house on the site on the Kola Lodge, Kempegowda Road, Bangalore City, cannot be granted as there were already a number of cinema houses on that road

(3) Mr patel requests reconsideration of the above orders

For orders with previous refs

C G I
Regd
Date 13 12 45
No 3460

9/12

No reconsideration appears possible

Minister for Ed^n & PH

Perused by Hon'ble Minister for Ed^n & PH

11/12/45

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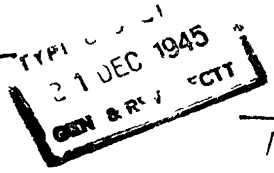
3577/L

47) Sub'd with a draft endorsement-

20/12



48) Issue
for
21/12/45

To Dr Paterl
L 6298 of 9-1-46

Reflects the agreement
To The Del Corp
L 6299 of 9-1-46
copy, for info

DB

G R S III—3]

ROUTINE NOTES

[To be used only for notes, requisitions, etc., not intended for permanent record

49) The file relating to the Grant of a license to Dr R M Patel for the Construction of a cinema in the compound of the Kola Lodge on the Kempegowda Road is put up stating that from the mil Commr Police issued the license for the construction of the building on 7-8-46

50) When this matter came to the notice of Govt, the Dt Magistrate, Bangalore was directed to inspect the Spot & to warn Dr Patel that, as there are already too many cinemas on this road, no license for a cinema will be issued

51) The Dt Magistrate, Blore Dt has accordingly issued the necessary instructions in the matter to Dr Patel

* B —should routine notes be written on small slip the notes must be copied on slips pasted on this form

W P 0873—G I B—25 000—20 11 45

Patel represented that he
may be given permission
to proceed with the construction,
as he has collected materials
worth Rs 40,000/- & he would
be put to great loss if
the work is stopped. Further
the site is stated to be in
a business locality, having
hotels, Insurance offices &
theatres & not in residential
quarters

(52) It was proposed to amend the
several Madras Acts so as to
~~provide~~ prescribe the procedure
for the Grant of licenses for
the Construction of Cinema
houses But as there was
opposition in the R.A it is
not proposed to proceed with
the measure. Copies of bills proposed to be introduced in the Le are put up but they were not taken up.

(53) Instructions have however
been issued to the Mc Comm,
Police & the Dist Mgts Mysore
to the effect that the Dt Magistrates
should be consulted before
issuing licenses for the
construction of Cinema

ROUTINI NOTLS

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theatres within the limits of the city metics

54) After considering all the aspects of the question Govt came to the conclusion that it is not desirable to permit the construction of a Cinema house at the "Kala Lodge" and Dr Patel was informed accordingly

55) Again in Nov 1945 Dr Patel represented to Govt for the reconsideration of the orders & he was informed that no reconsideration of the orders already passed in the matter is possible.

56) He has again approached the Govt in the matter

57) There is no general order of such restriching the grant of licenses for construction of Cinema theatres

Now 23/2

57½) The deputationists have been informed accly but Dr Patel has complaints that he was unjustifiably prevented from building new theatres in Bangalore & Mysore He was informed to represent those cases separately & not mix up with the general matters

7½ for withdrawal without stating

28/2/46 P S D 46) 28/2/46.

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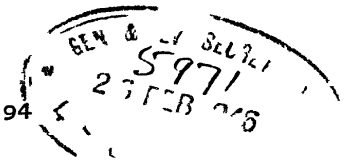
DEWAN'S MINUTE

FILE No 194



Bangalore, 25th February 1946

59) A deputation of some members of the Mysore Film Chamber of Commerce met me on the 23rd instant and wished to know whether it was the policy of the Government not to allow any more cinema houses to be built in Bangalore City I told them that there was no general order of Government restricting the grant of licenses for construction of cinema theatres Dr Patel, who was one of the members of the deputation, complained that he was unjustifiably prevented from building new theatres in Bangalore and Mysore He was informed that he might represent those cases separately and not mix them up with the general question

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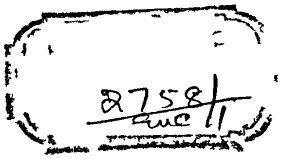
60) The note sent to me by the Revenue Secretary before the interview is attached

MINISTER FOR REVENUE
in charge of the current duties of the Dewan



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Revenue Secretary)

5913/2 Cross 5-5-971

Letter dated 21-2-46 from Dr A M Patel, proprietor, Select pictures circuit, Gandhinagar Bangalore, addressed to Revenue Secy again requesting reconsideration of orders communicated to him in letter no L.Dis 6298 dt 7-1-46, rejecting his request to construct a cinema house at "Kola" Lodge Kempe Gowda Road, Bglore

~~Letter dated 21-2-46 from Dr Patel~~

62 Dr Patel has already been informed that it is not possible to reconsider the orders conveyed to him in this office letter no L.Dis 6298 dated 7-1-46

63 In the present letter he has requested for an opportunity to explain the matter in person to the Revenue Secretary and has asked for an interview on a convenient date

64 As he had accompanied the deputation of some members of the Mysore Film Chamber of Commerce, which met the Dewan on 23-2-46 and had explained his requests to the Dewan,

5 9 41/-

it is for consideration whether it is necessary to allow him an interview with the Revenue Secretary, as requested by him

65) Kind regards noted in the letter marked A on para 5 of the grounds of the Demurrer charge for the reasons of the orders contained therein, for Patel may perhaps be allowed to interview the Revenue Secretary & represent his grievances relating to the Company new theatre in street Bazaar

Revenue Secretary
8/3/46

66) Let him see me on the 15th March 1946 afternoon 3 30 pm in the office. Don't what is the purpose of the interview? Let a note be kept ready.

9/3/46

TYPING SECTION
11 MAR 1946
GEN & REV SEC'T

b) Send with a draft i) Please attend the Secretary ii) Please attend the Secretary

9/3/46

9/3

5971/L 5 6433

General and Revenue Secretariat | File No | of 194 | [App F III-2

Serial No

To Dr A N Patel
Select Archives Circuit House
L 9/191 dated 11-3-46
States that he may interview the Revenue Secretary at 3 30 p m on 15-3-46 in his office

1) Submitted with a Note

Revenue Secy for
12/3 1 3/3/46

2) I met Dr Patel this afternoon This is a matter which has been decided by Govt We has been told as in para 59 (Ministers Minute)

Dewan
15/3/46

petition addressed to Dewan by Mr K N Sulaiman, pervaz No 71 Shoolkatte Mohalla Bangalore city, stating that the Venkatappa owner of premises no 1018 in the old Taluk Cutcherry Road has applied to Govt for a reconsideration of their orders in the matter of refusing him permission to construct a Cinema theatre thereon, and requests for an interview

NOTE—Contn Sheet

Serial No

Dewans Minute

1-) Ask them to see the Concerned Ministers

sent 8 p 11/3

Letter no 2915, dated 11-3-46 from the private Secretary to the Dewan addressed to the private, directing him to make his representation to the Ministers Concerned and forwarding a copy thereof to the Ministers for Education and Public Health

1-) Ministers' Minute

sent T C M-R 12-3-46

In this office letter no L 12/323 dated 12-6-46 the District Magistrate Bangalore Dist was requested to give previous warning to the owner of the building C No 1018 Old T C Road, Bangalore city), to the effect that no license would be granted for a cinema in the locality The Dist Magistrate has informed that Mr. Venkatappa, the owner, accordingly

1-) The Venkatappa's representation for a recons-deration of the above orders is now received in this office

Submitted for perusal with previous references

9/4/46

Flag 'A'

11/Registry mss
Ginger mss 7/4
11/Registry

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Rec'd 27/3

Minister for Edn & P H) Rec'd 27/3 Secretary 11/4/46

7297/2. 5 6433/2.

Petition from Mr K M Sulaiman Parvaz, Bihoo addressed to the Minister for Law, stating that Mr Venkatappa is understood to have applied for a reconsideration of the G.O declining his request to construct a cinema theatre at the old T.C. Road, and requesting for an interview

7/7) As stated in para 7 of Secy, Mr Venkatappa's representation for a reconsideration of the orders is not received in this office. He assured, this will be filed.

7/8) For perusal. No action is necessary. Respectfully submitted

21/4

Sub 4/3 Petition dated 3rd Mar 1946 from K M S Perera and two others residents of Old Dalada Kutchery Road and Shankat Mahalla addressed to the Minister for Law protesting against the opening of a cinema in their locality.

7/9) Minutes of the Minister for Law

Minister for Rice with Compliments for disposal

PD/. @S N S
3 5 46

Minutes of the Minister for Rev S/14.

Minister for Education and Public Health
with Compliments

Hdq. QPR
4.5.46

Rev Sastry Hdq. ICMR
9.5.46

Maythes be forwarded to the District
Magistrate, Bangalore for disposal

AA 21/5. 80) may be forwarded to the Dist Magistrate
the matter appears to be
more for disposal.
an ever-recurring one.
Revert for 2.2.1946

81) A report should be called for
within 5 days Draft DO
to be signed by me.
23/5/46

82) Submitted with a draft DO letter to Dist Magistrate
for appl... 83) Signed ... above the Rev's signature
AA 24/5. for 24/5/46

The District Magistrate, Bangalore Dist

DO No L 13131 dated 25th May 1946

Enquiries for report & copy of petition received
from Mr K.M.S. Perwaz and other residents of
old Taluk cutchery Road & Shankar Mohalla Bangalore City
addressed to the Minister for Law protesting
against the running of a cinema in their locality

AA 27/5

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From the District Magistrate, Nilgiris
G.O.(Rt) dt 31-5-46

Reports that two petitions protesting against the grant of Cinema license to run the show in a theatre constructed on No 1018 old T.C Road, have been received in his office and that no application has been received praying for the grant of license

84) As ordered at paras 77 and 78 supra no action is called for

85) For perusal and report to para 81 supra. Rev secy) for 15/8/46

86) Dsw 29/6/46

Submitted) petition from Messrs K M Pervaz and other residents of the old Talugs Kalicherry Road, protesting against the grant of a license to a theatre said to have been constructed on No 1018 old Talugs Kalicherry Road, Nilgiris

Rev S 8797

8) Dewans Minute

Revenue Secretary for a note

Initd N M
21-7-46

8) In May, 1944, a number of residents of Nagarthpet, Bangalore City petitioned to Government bringing to their notice, the construction of a Cinema hall on site No. 108 Old Taluk Kalcherry Road, Bangalore City, by one Mr G Venkatappa, and requested for the cancellation ~~of~~ the license for the same as it was likely to disturb the peace of the people of the locality

8) Thereupon Government instructed the District Magistrate, Bangalore to inspect the locality and give previous warning to the owner of the building to the effect that after the

Construction of the building is proposed to be used as a Cinema Hall, license for the same would be refused The District Magistrate has warned the party accordingly

90) Mr Venkatappa is seen to have proceeded with the construction of the building at his own risk He has not however, applied to Government or to the District Magistrate, Bangalore for a reconsideration of the above orders

91) Messrs Perraz and others have been repeatedly protesting against the grant of a license to run a cinema in the above premises to Mr Venkatappa

92) The District Magistrate Bangalore has

on 31-5-46
reported that no application has been received in this office for the grant of a license to run a Cinema in the above building

93) On the previous protest application of the Pervaz, it has been ordered that no action is called for (vide para 7 & 8 of the Note Below)

Dewans ordersah
94) Refer para 87 Supra - for perusal

Dewan) 1/8/46
for perusal
Regd. Dewan's
Minute on the
petitions (Plan E)
1/8/46

6/8/46

7/8/

Sub B)

DEWAN'S OFFICE
2 AUG 1946
-903-

Do Favourite

Dear Sir, K 1811 d 23/8/44

I am desired to state that it has been brought to the notice of Govt that the Bang Corpn has issued a license for the Construction of a Cinema building in the compound of Mr Swamy Naidu's Bungalow in the Kempe-Gowda Road, Bang. I am to request you to inspect the place & warn the licensee that a license for a cinema will not be issued

P.S. There are already too many cinema houses in that road,

Yours &c
Asst

To The DC Magistrate (By hand) 23/8/44
Bangalore

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22/8

Mr MAHOMED ISMAIL SHERIFF, B A
District Magistrate

DISTRICT MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE
BANGALORE

Dated 20th August 194 4

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17 C 197/44-45 rel 187-44-1

2 SEP 1944
L S G BRANCH

Dear Sir,

With reference to Demi-Official letter No ~ 1311 dated the 23rd August 1944 from Mr G Ramachandra Rao, asking me to inspect the place in the compound of Mr Swamy Naidu's compound bungalow in Kempe Gowda Road, which is proposed for constructing a Cinema Theatre and warn the builders, I write to state that I inspected the place along with the Sub Division Officer and the Builder Messrs Patel and Swamy Naidu, the owner of the land were present No work except carting some stones to the site has been done though Mr Patel represented that he has already spent Rs 20,000/- for the purpose, though he gave no details of the same I was told that Mr Patel had taken a 20 years lease of the land after which the buildings will revert to the owner I told them that it was most improper and unwise to have thought of constructing the building without first knowing if a license can be given for the purpose I warned further that no license will be granted to him to locate a Cinema theatre and that he should not attempt to build any hall for the purpose I have also warned the owner and Mr Patel in writing to the same effect A copy of the endorsement is enclosed for favour of information

In this connection, it may not be out of place to suggest that instructions may kindly caused to be issued to the Municipal Commissioner, not to grant licenses for constructing Cinema Houses without consulting the District Magistrate, if there is no objection.

Yours sincerely,

C Narayanaswamy Naidu, Esq , B A , B. L ,
Legal Remembrancer and Secretary to the Government
of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Law Department,
Bangalore

Office of the District Magistrate,
Bangalore District,
Dated Bangalore the 26th August 1944

Endorsement

Ament the construction of a building in the compund of Mr Swamy Naidu in Kempe Gowda Road for the purpose of a Cinema theatre, Messrs C Krishnaswamy Naidu and Patel are hereby informed that the undersigned has warned them , at the time of ~~xx~~ inspection, this morning, not to construct the building for running a Cinema theatre and if, they were to put up a building, no license will be issued for the purposes of a Cinema show under the Law

Sd Mahomed Ismail Sheriff,
District Magistrate,
Bangalore District.

" Copy'

District Magistrate,
Bangalore District

D-O Letter — Confidential

L 3929-3930 TH 187-44-2

Dy 25-10-44

Dear Sir,

I am directed to inform you that it is the intention of Government that the concerned District Magistrate should be consulted before issuing Licenses for the construction of Cinema Theatres within the limits of Bangalore City Municipality & the Mysore City Municipality & to request that the instructions issued be strictly adhered to in future.

Yours sincerely

To 1) The Municipal Commr Bangalore City Municipality ✓
2) The President - ✓ City Municipal Council Mysore

for
13/10
By Name
D.O.

Copy by electrical

Dear Sir,

With reference to your D o no
N o 197/44-45, d 26-8-44,

Memo no L3931 D 25-10-44

Copy sent to Dist. Marshalls, Bangalore
for information with reference to his D o no N-c
197/44-45-d 26-8-44

L 3932 dt 25-10-44

Copy sent to Dist. Marshalls, Chittoor, for
information

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for Secy to Govt Defence

L 3933 dt 25/X/44

Copy to the Protection Branch

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT,

D O

Dated Bangalore October 1944.

No

Confidential

Dear Sir,

I am desired to inform you that it is the intention of government that the District Magistrate, District should be consulted before you issue licenses on behalf of the Municipal Council for the construction of cinema theatres within the limits of the City Municipality, and to request that this instruction should be strictly adhered to in future.

Yours sincerely,

SEOY LAW DEPT
GOVT OF MYSORE
23 OCT 1941
L S G BRANCH
OFFICE OF THE DEWAN
B 26

From

Dr.A M.Patel,
Proprietor,
Select Pictures Circuit,
Gandhinagar,
BANGALORE CITY.

To

Pradhana Siromani N Madhava Rau,C.I.E.,
Dewan of Mysore,
BANGALORE CITY.

Respected Sir,

I beg most respectfully to place the following petition for your kind and favourable consideration with regard to the Municipal License No.130 of 7-8-1944 in my favour for the construction of a Cinema House in the bifrucated site of the 'Cola Lodge' of Mr C.Krishnaswamy Naicu, Kempe Gowda Road, Bangalore City.

I am settled here from over Thirty years and I am a domiciled Mysorean from years, having lived here with common understanding, usefulness and respect. I have also tried, as much as I can, to be of service to the society by constructing a ward in 'Vani Vilas ' Hospital, a Girls' Middle School in Gandhinagar, etc , and I have been awarded a Public Service Medal (1st class) this year. Besides I have tried to be of service for war purposes too, by supplying films free of cost for cinema shows arranged for wounded and disabled Indian Soldiers for over three years, the contribution of which even moderately calculated would exceed over a Lakh of Rupees

I am doing cinema business from the last twentyfive years, and no doubt, I am controlling at present three theatres, but they are all in rented buildings. In order to safeguard myself from the risk of being thrown out of business (being already served with a notice for vacating one of the theatres, i.e., Gubbi Theatre) either by demanding abnormal rent or on my refusing to pay the same, I am necessitated to own one theatre atleast on a longstanding lease,

and with this in view, I have contracted with Mr.C Krishnaswamy Naidu to lease his site in 'Cola Lodge' for twentyfive years, wherein I am to construct the theatre and Mr.C.Krishnaswamy Naidu to own the property after the termination of the said lease of twentyfive years. However, before concluding the arrangement, I approached the Municipal Engineer for his advice as to the conditions for permitting the construction of a Cinema House in the said site, when he was kind enough to convey that the conditions will be as are common and as prevailing with two recent constructions on the said Kempe Gowda Road, Prabhat Talkies and the other one now under construction by Mr.Y V.Rangaiah. I accordingly applied for the license from the Municipality and the same is granted with all rigours that I should first bifurcate the site into two plots leaving 61 feet open on the East side (40 feet of the same to be acquired by the Municipality whenever required for the road formation) and 30 feet open in front unlike other existing theatres etc. etc The site proposed by me is possibly the biggest one (150' X 195') when compared with all the existing Cinema Houses in Bangalore

I further beg to state that the procedure existing till now for the construction of a Cinema House is to secure the Municipal License, and obtain the Police and Electric License after the construction is over Further there is no notification from the Government that the parties intending construction of cinema houses should obtain the license from the District Magistrate also along with the Municipal License before the construction work is taken up. As a matter of fact there is already one theatre under construction in Kempe Gowda Road, only with Municipal License Therefore, as is the procedure so far, I have proceeded with the construction work after the receipt of the Municipal License, and have incurred an expense of over Rs.20,000/- in allied arrangements and purchase of materials etc.

All of a sudden, I received a memo dated 25th August 1944 from the Sub Divisional Officer of Bangalore City that the District Magistrate will inspect the 'Cinema House' (under construction) on the 26th August 1944 and that I should remain present at the spot The District Magistrate at the time of inspection conveyed to me that there are already two Cinema Houses on this road and that no license will be granted for the cinema house if construction is continued, and this is also duly confirmed in his endorsement No.NC 197/44-45 of 26th August 1944, the true copy of which is herein enclosed for your kind and ready reference.

I therefore beg to state, that having denied the opportunity to construct a theatre in modern lines, I will be put indirectly to heavy loss inasmuch as the present times and modern films require uptodate new halls, although a pioneer in business, I possess only old halls that too rented ones. Therefore, those who have recently built will be at an advantage It may not be out of place to mention here that there is a pressing demand from the public for better theatres on modern lines, and this will certainly be fitting also with our progressive State.

I also beg to mention that I am in this trade from over twentyfive years, and if I do not progress with the times, I not only will have to suffer financially, but also in my business status, and this I am already feeling amidst the present competition

I therefore humbly pray that you will be pleased to give me an opportunity to represent my case in person and kindly pass orders for the revision of the said endorsement of the District Magistrate so as to license the theatre for cinema purposes after the construction is completed for which act of kindness, I shall ever remain grateful to you,

Bangalore City,
20th Oct.1944.

I beg to remain,
Respected Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
Proprietor,
SELECT PICTURES CIRCUIT

[redacted] dated Bangalore the 9th August 1944 received from the Office of the District Magistrate, Bangalore District.

Anent the construction of a building in the compound of Mr. Swamy Naidu in Kempe Gowda Road for the purpose of a Cinema theatre, Messrs. Srinivasaswamy Naidu and Patel are hereby informed that the undersigned has warned them, at the time of inspection, this morning, not to construct the building for running a Cinema theatre and if, they were to put up a building no license will be issued for the purposes of a Cinema show under the Law.

(sd)
District Magistrate,
Bangalore District.

Reference file No 326 dated 20 10 44

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From

Dr.A.M.Patel,
Proprietor,
Select Pictures Circuit,
Gandhinagar,
BANGALORE CITY.

To

Pradhana Siromani N.Madhava Rau,Esqr.,C.I.E ,
Dewan of Mysore,
BANGALORE CITY.

OFFICE OF THE DEWAN
OF MYSORE
Date of rec'd 19.3.45
Peon Dept 6.30

Respected Sir,

I beg to place the following few lines for your kind and favourable consideration.

I had submitted in person the full details along with a written petition dated 20th October 1944, during my last interview which you graciously granted to me, with regard to my proposed construction of a Cinema House on the site of 'Kola Lodge', Kempe Gowda Road, Bangalore City, for which the license has been granted by the City Municipality. Your goodself was then pleased to inform me that you shall have no objection granting the permission if the locality referred to above is not in residential quarters. I then submitted that the site is entirely in a business locality, having Hotels, Insurance Offices, Theatres etc., nearby.

I further beg to submit that of late there is a clamour from the Cinema-going-public for better theatres with adequate ventilation, better seating accommodation and proper sanitary arrangements Though a pioneer in this business here, I am not able to cater to the present public demand, since I am having only rented halls. Incidently, the new-commers are having better theatres, and I have already begun suffering in the business for want of a new theatre. It is my ardent desire to satisfy my patrons by constructing an up-to-date modern theatre with all the requisites of a modern cinema, which will certainly shine as an ornament to the Kempe Gowda Road.

Having secured the Municipal License, I proceeded with the work of collecting materials required for

for the construction and this has cost me Rs.20,000/- and when I was about to begin the foundation work, I received an endorsement from the District Magistrate that the license would not be granted if I proceeded with the construction. All of a sudden I had to suspend every arrangement in connection with the construction resulting in great loss.

I, therefore, humbly request that your goodself will be pleased to consider my petition favourably and pass orders permitting me to carry on the construction, for which act of kindness I shall ever remain grateful to you. Hoping to be excused for the trouble.

I beg to remain,
Respected Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

A.M. Patel

Bangalore City,
16th March 1944.

28/8/45

1287 Order granted

To Dr A N Patel,
Proprietor, Select Picture circuit
Gandhinagar, Bcy.

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With reference to the correspondence ending with his petition dt 16-3-45 requesting that he may be permitted to construct the Cinema House on the site at the "Kala Lodge" Kempe Gowda Road, Bcy, Dr Patel is informed that his request cannot be complied with as there are already a number of Cinema Houses in that road and that it would not be advisable to allow another Boy order dated 7/8 opening up on the same road.

for Secretary
7/8 P. T. O.

Memo No R-1288-98 25/8/98

Copy of the foregoing is forwarded with Compliments to the ① Dt Magistrate Bangalore Dt & ② Jnl Commr, Bgs for information

By order

for Addl Secy to Govt

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A.M.PATEL
c/o
Select Pictures Circuit

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BANGALORE CITY

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19th November '45

The Additonal Secretary to
Government of His Highness the
Maharaja of Mysore,
General and Revenue Secretariat,
B A N G A L O R E

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your endorsement No L/1287 dated 25th August 1945 intimating me that the permission to construct a Cinema House on the site at the 'Kola Lodge', Kempe Gowda Road, Bangalore City cannot be granted for the reason that there are already a number of Cinema Houses on that road.

In this connection, I beg to place few facts about this indigenous Cinema Industry, particularly the business of exhibition which I am sure, will receive your favourable consideration Cinema is a place of learning and Art. It is a school imparting liberal education to people of all ages and climes. It is also a place of pleasure, of comfort and ease and recreation Many of the present cinema houses, nine out of every ten fall short of the above needs The reasons are not far to seek The Cinema theatres, when constructed were neither planned nor designed to satisfy the present day requirements of Cine-going-public At this juncture, I may be permitted to quote a relavant portion from the hand-book written by the ~~Present~~ South Indian Film Chamber of Commerce, Madras, under the caption "A Plan for Developing Film Industry in India".

> "MANY OF THE EXISTING CINEMAS, SHOULD EITHER BE IMPROVED OR RENOVATED EVEN IF THEY ARE RENOVATED, THE EXISTING NUMBER OF THEATRES ARE NOT ENOUGH TO SERVE THE LARGE POPULATION OF THE COUNTRY, FOR WE HAVE ONLY ABOUT 1700 PERMANENT CINEMAS AND 300 TOURING SETS IN INDIA".

More Cinemas are therefore found essential to satisfy the growing need of the Cine-going-public There is a general cry amoung the Producers that their pictures are not getting early releases, whereby Lakhs of Rupees are blocked up This is a great handicap for the Industry in general. In Bangalore particularly, many of the new pictures are not getting releases for want of theatres, and the correctness of this statement can ~~well~~ be well verified by making a reference to the Mysore Film Chamber. This again proves that the present number of theatres existing in Bangalore are insufficient to cope with the present productions,

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though restricted by Control, and should expect more in post-war period My ambition is therefore to construct a most luxurious Picture House in the spacious site of 'Kola Lodge', Kempe Gowda Road, measuring 190' x 150' which space incidently no other existing cinemas have I may also add here, that Kempe Gowda Road, unlike other roads, is not a crowded locality and it has become an ideal locality for Cinemas Further the site I have selected, your goodself is well aware of, is at the farther end of the Western side of the said road. The theatre when constructed, after getting the kind permission, will be an imposing structure which will shine as an ornament to Kempe Gowda Road It is again my great desire to build this Picture House at a great cost so as to provide comfort, ease and recreation with all the modern amenities to the Cine-public The abovesaid site will not pay its worth if it is not allowed to be used for a cinema building.

I am very much aggrieved for denying the permission for the construction on the score that there are already a number of Cinema Houses on the Kempe Gowda Road One more cinema in Kempe Gowda Road, in my humble opinion, is not going to harm anybody. On the otherhand it will be better to locate, if possible, all the first rate Cinemas on a particular road like Kempe Gowda Road, which is not a crowded locality, so that the Cinema-going public will have the choice of visiting one or the other cinema they choose with ease. There are about 320 cinema houses on one road, 'Broadway' New York, while there are 15 cinemas on Lamington Road, Bombay. It will be more appreciated if a particular variety of business is located at a particular place.

While the other trades such as Cloth, Yarn etc , are protected to certain extent by the Government in these days, this Cinema business unfortunately has no protection and consequently the land-lords are trying to eject the tenants, and snatch away the business from the legitimate exhibitors who are doing the business for the last many years. If the permission for the construction of the Cinema Houses are prohibited, the land-lords will have the monopoly which will be detrimental to the business, and also for the progress of the Industry. At the sametime the old and experienced people will be ousted I am sure, your goodself will be pleased to view the circumstances sympathetically and pass orders permitting me to carry on the construction as per the plan approved of by the City Municipality.

I understand that permission for the construction of a Cinema has been granted in Nagarathpet, after I was asked not to proceed with the construction. That locality, if I am permitted to say, is not at all suitable for cinemas, and the site I have proposed on ' Kola Lodge' is by far the best in Bangalore City.

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FOR ... CP ...
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Yours faithfully

Endorsement No. 187-44-A/6298-7 dated 3/43

Endorsement granted to

Dr. A. N. Patel, Proprietor,
Select Picture Circuit,
Gandhinagar, Bangalore City.

In reply to his petition dated 19-11-43, requesting reconsideration of the orders conveyed in this Office letter No. A 12897 dated 28-8-43, rejecting his request to construct a Cinema House on the "Patel Kolar Lodge," Kempe Gowda Road, Bangalore City, Dr. Patel is informed that no reconsideration

Of the orders already passed is possible

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for Reveley

Memo no/6299 D 7-2-46

Copy w c to the Municipal Engr
B. City for information in continuation
of his office memo no L/1288-9 of 20-2-45.

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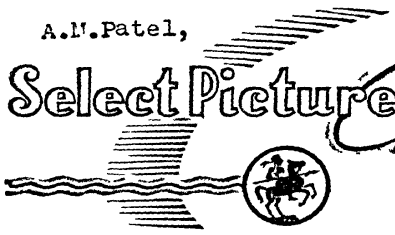
for Reveley

A.M.Patel,



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21st February 1946

GANDHI NAGAR
BANGALORE CITY

The Secretary to the Government,
Revenue Department,
Government of H.H The Maharaja of Mysore,
B A N G A L O R E

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your Endorsement No L 6298 dated 7th January 1946,intimating that the Government is not willing to reconsider its decision,with regard to the construction of a Cinema House at the site of "Kola Lodge",Kempe Gowda Road, Bangalore

I am very much aggrieved ofthe same,because it personally affects my business As submitted in my previous petition, a good number of new pictures have not been screened in Bangalore,for the simple reason that the present theatres are not in a position to accomodate them. If a modest calculation is made,it will take an year or even more for exhibiting the pictures that are already produced,and if this be so,what will be the fate of the pictures, that are being produced now,and the ones that are scheduled for production Thus lakhs of rupees are blocked for ant of release of pictures because of scarcity of theatres,and the Indian Film Industry which is still in its infancy cannot afford to bear such a great loss. More and better theatres are essential since people have become cinema minded and Talkie Films have come to be regarded as the most appealing form of entertainment,information, education and publicity. With this in view all provincial governments are giving every encouragement this indigenous industry deserves and we hear everywhere about the post war plan for building better and upto-date theatres with all the modern amenities.I feel confident that our State with the progressive outlook will not lag behind by withholding permission for the construction of modern theatres especially in Bangalore,where the need for such cinema houses is felt to a great extent

I may be given an ppportunity to better explain these matters in person, and I hope you will be pleased to grant me an interview any time and date convenient to you.

Yours Most Obediently,
AMPatel
(A.M.Patel.)

L-9191/ 11/3/46 Immediate

To

D. A M Patel
Select pictures Circuit-
Gandhinagar Baroda city

Sir,

In reply to your letter dated 21-2-46, regarding the construction of a cinema house at the site of the Kala Lodge", Kumpe Gowda Road, Blore, I am desired to state that you may interview the Revenue Secretary to Govt. at 3 30. p M on the

15th March, 1946, in the old [redacted]

offices, Barcelona

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Bangalore,

11th March 1946

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter dated the 8th March asking for an interview with the Dewan-in-charge regarding a cinema theatre, I am desired to inform you that you may make your representation to the Minister for Education and Public Health

Yours sincerely,

(sd) C Narasimha Moorty

Private Secretary to Dewan

K.M. Sulaiman Pervaz Esq ,
No.71, Showkath Mohalla,
Bangalore City

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Copy with the letter under reply submitted to the Minister for Education and Public Health

By order,

C Narasimha Moorty
Private Secretary to Dewan.

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K M A LAIBRARY 2
BANGALORE CITY

DEPUTY OFFICE
29/5/46

To

The Private Secretary,
To The Dewan In Mysore,
BANGALORE

Dear Sir,

We are given to understand that our Mr Venkatappa, owner of premises No 1018, in the Old Taluk Cutcharry Road, has applied to the Government to reconsider their order in the matter of refusing him to grant permission to arrange for and hold theatres and cinema shows in the theatre-building he has newly constructed in the midst of inhabited locality As this subject is very important concerning the health and convenience of a large number of residents of the locality We wish to make a further representation to the Dewan-in-Charge on this subject We shall thank you to kindly obtain his permission to grant an interview to a deputation of the mohalla people on such date as it may suit his convenience

Bangalore City
Dated
8 5 46

Your Sincerely
HK & Sons
and others

Address.
KK Sulaiman
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No 71 Shoikatt
Mohalla,
Bangalore City

Order Received to see the Chief Minister on 11/5

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To

The Private Secretary to
the Minister for Law and Civil Supplies and Order.
in Mysore, Bangalore

Dear Sir,

We are given to understand one Mr Venkatappa owner of premises No 1018 in the Old Taluk Cutchery Road, has applied to the Government to reconsider their ~~xx~~ order in the matter of refusing him to grant permission to arrange for and hold theatres and Cinema shows in the Theatre Building he has newly constructed in the midst of inhabitated locality As the subject is very important concerning the health and convenience of a large number of residents of the locality, we wish to make a further representation to the Minister for Education and Public Health in the Subject We shall thank you to kindly obtain His permission the grant of an Interview to a deputation of the Mohalla people on such a date as it may suit his convenience

Bangalore,
8th April 1946

Yours Sincerely,

Address --

M I Sulaiman Pervaz,
No 70, Showkath Mohalla,
Town Hall View,
Bangalore City

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Forwarded with Compliments to the Hon Min for PH Minister for disposal

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION & P H
Date 12 4 46
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Immediate DO No L 13131 Date 25-5-46.

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Dear Sir, Pudalur

I am directed to forward at 12 15 noon
a copy of the
Pl make copy herewith Petition dated 3rd May 1946
received from Mr K M S Pervaz and
other residents of Old Talak cutchery
Road and Shankat Mohalla,
Bangalore City, addressed to
the Minister for Law protesting
against the running of a cinema
in their locality and to request
you to forward a report in the
matter within four days.

The petition may be returned
with your report.

yours sincerely
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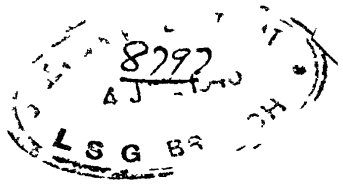
C Narayana Gowda Esq BA
District Magistrate
Bangalore Dist, Bangalore



Office of the District Magistrate
Bangalore District
Dated 31st May 1946.

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To

J. B Nallaradhya Esq ,
Secretary to the Government of Mysore
Revenue Department, Bangalore.

Sir,

Subject -

Grant of Cinema License to run Cinema Show in a Theatre constructed in No 1018 Old Taluk Cutchery Road.

With reference to your letter No L 13131 dated 25th May 1946, forwarding a copy of the petition dated 3-5-46 of Mr. K M.S. Pervaz and other residents of Shivajinagar Mohalla, Bangalore City, addressed to the Minister for Law, and calling for my report in the matter, I have the honor to report that two petition protesting against the grant of cinema license to run the show in the above noted theatre have been received in this office also No application has been received praying for the grant of License.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

District Magistrate
Bangalore District.

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OFFICE OF THE DEWAN OF MYSORE
Date of receipt 23-7-46
Paper Hour No 98-
29 JUL 46

To
The Dewan of Mysore,
"Lake View", Mysore

Most respected Sir,

We, the undersigned representing the inhabitants of old Taluk Kuchery Road and Shaukat Mohalla near and around the premises No 1018, Olad Taluk Kuchery Road, beg to submit the following for kind consideration and suitable orders

Ths day we have sent to your good-self a telegram as follows -

" Disappointing Strong Rumours Granting License Sharada Talkies 1018 Nagarthpet Bangalore Pray Protection Kindly Order Stopping License Appealing - Justice "

we beg to bring to your kind notice that on representation made by us that the running of a cinema at the above said premises was against public interests your good-self was kind enough to hear us and caused orders prohibiting the running of a cinema at that premises We are ever grateful for the speed justice rendered to us but for hich our troubles would have been great

Now unfortunately we find that the construction of the Talkie-House is finished in spite of Government orders and there is strong rumour that license to run the Talkie at the premises is also about to be granted Our peaceful residence at our houses will be destroyed if the cinema is allowed to run

We pray that your good-self be pleased to interfere and pass suitable orders with-holding the license

For this act in public interests we will ever remain grateful to your good-self

We remain,

Yours most obediently,

Dated 10th July '46
Bangalore